

58:25-11. Clean water council; continuance, transfer and constitution; members; appointment; term; reimbursement of expenses; chairman and vice-chairman

a. The Clean Water Council as created by P.L.1967, c. 109 and as continued, transferred and constituted the Clean Water Council in the Department of Environmental Protection is continued in the Department of Environmental Protection. The council shall consist of 18 members, seven of whom shall be the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or a member of the Department of Labor and Industry designated by him, the Commissioner of Community Affairs or a member of the Department of Community Affairs designated by him, the Commissioner of Energy or a member of the Department of Energy designated by him, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or a member of the Department of Environmental Protection designated by him, the Secretary of Agriculture or a member of the Department of Agriculture designated by him, the Chairman of the Water Policy and Supply Council in the Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, who shall serve ex officio, five citizens of the State representing the general public and six members to be appointed from persons to be nominated by the organizations hereinafter enumerated, by the Governor. b. The members of council in office on the effective date of this act shall continue in office for the duration of their respective terms. At least 1 month prior to the expiration of the term of the member chosen from nominees of each organization hereafter enumerated, each such organization shall submit to the Governor a list of three recommended nominees for membership on the council from which list the Governor shall appoint one. If any organization does not submit a list of recommended nominees at any time required by this act, the Governor may appoint a member of his choice. The organizations which shall be entitled to submit recommended nominees are: New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Business and Industry Association, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Association of Counties, New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. and the New Jersey AFL-CIO. c. Appointed members shall serve for terms of 4 years. All appointed members shall serve after the expiration of their terms until their respective successors are appointed and shall qualify, and any vacancy occurring in the appointed membership of the council by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term only, notwithstanding that the previous incumbent may have held over and continued in office as aforesaid. The Governor may remove any appointed member of the council for cause after a public hearing. d. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the council and in the performance of their duties as members thereof. e. The council shall elect annually a chairman and vice-chairman from its own membership. L.1979, c. 321, s. 21, eff. Jan. 18, 1980.

58:25-12. Duties

The Clean Water Council shall: a. Request from the commissioner such information concerning the Water Pollution Control Program as it may deem necessary; b. Consider any matter relating to the preservation and improvement of the Water Pollution Control Program and advise the commissioner thereof; c. From time to time submit to the commissioner any recommendations which it deems necessary for the proper conduct and improvement of the Water Pollution Control Program; d. Study the Water Pollution Control Program and make its recommendations thereon to the commissioner; e. Study the regulations promulgated by the department in regard to water pollution control and make its recommendations for their improvement to the commissioner; f. Study and investigate the state of the art and the technical capabilities and limitations of water pollution control and report their findings and recommendations thereon to the commissioner; g. Study and investigate the need for programs for the long-range technical support of the water pollution control program and report their findings and recommendations thereon to the commissioner; and h. Hold public hearings at least once a year in regard to existing water pollution control statutes and regulations and upon the state of the art and technical capabilities and limitations in water pollution control and report its recommendations thereon to the commissioner. L.1979, c. 321, s. 22, eff. Jan. 18, 1980.